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SUBJ: IRAQ AT THE COLOMBO SUMMIT

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1. SUMMARY: IRAQI MEDIA AGAIN DOMINATED BY NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT AT COLOMBO. US PRIME WHIPPING-BOY. END SUMMARY.

2. THE CORE CONCEPT OF THE IRAQI VIEW OF NON-ALIGNMENT, AS EXPLAINED BY FONMIN HAMMADI, IS NOT THE ASSUMPTION OF A MIDDLE POSITION BETWEEN THE EAST AND WEST BUT RATHER THE FOSTERING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ALL COUNTRIES THAT ARE AGAINST RACIAL SEGREGATION AND ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION. CONSEQUENTLY, IRAQ'S GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES "CANNOT BE CONSTRUED AS CREATING A SITUATION INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE CONCEPT OF NON-ALIGNMENT". WHILE IRAQ REMAINS OPPOSED TO MILITARY ALLIANCES AND POLITICAL BLOCS, NEUTRALITY IS NOT REQUIRED BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE LATTER "IN CLOSE

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COOPERATION WITH THE WORLD ZIONIST MOVEMENT", PLANNED BEFOREHAND

THE WAR IN LEBANON, INTER ALIA.

3. IRAQ HAS PROPOSED THAT THE NEXT UNGA SESSION CONSIDER THE THREAT OF WAR IN KOREA AND THE REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS MIGHT CONSTRAIN THE "CONSTANT IMPERIAL-ISTIC INTERVENTION IN KOREA'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS" SUCH AS THE MOST RECENT OF THE "CONTINUOUS US PROVOCATIVE ACTS AGAINST DEMOCRATIC KOREA".

4. IN HIS SPEECH AT THE SUMMIT, V-P MAAROUF MENTIONED THAT IRAQ "SUPPORTS THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES".

5. COMMENT: WHILE IRAQ MAY HAVE PLAYED MORE PRAGMATIC ROLE BEHIND THE SCENES AT COLOMBO, VIRULENCE OF ANTI-WESTERN THEME IN MEDIA COVERAGE IS NOT ENCOURAGING. WILL REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS AT COLOMBO SUMMIT WITH FONMIN DG FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS KETTANEH.
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